

PURDUE APHASIA GROUP

Newsletter

Spring 2018

NIH supports innovative aphasia research at Purdue!

The Aphasia Lab is starting a new aphasia research project, funded by the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**. This project takes a novel approach to identify effective language production strategies for persons with aphasia in relation to individuals' unique difficulties. The outcome will lead to development of more customized treatment approaches for persons with aphasia. The project duration is 3 years (2017-2020). Persons with aphasia as a result of a stroke are invited to participate (see next page for contact information).

Who are we?

The **Purdue Aphasia Group** is a collaboration of researchers and clinicians dedicated to providing research opportunities, resources, education, and clinical services for people with aphasia, their caregivers, and SLPs.

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For the first Aphasia Support Group meeting of Spring 2018, we participated in a heart-healthy cooking demonstration

Aphasia Research Lab: Ongoing

About the Aphasia Lab:

The mission of our research is to understand how persons with aphasia process information during listening and speaking and to identify the factors/conditions that maximize re-learning of language.

We continue to test participants at **Purdue** (Lyles-Porter Hall) and at our **Indianapolis Lab** (8445 Keystone Crossing). Individuals with aphasia who live closer to Indianapolis are welcome to participate in our studies by visiting us there.

We are seeking participants with aphasia.

Persons with aphasia are invited to participate in our studies

Each session takes about 2 hours

Parking is provided

Eligible participants receive \$20 per session

Who is eligible?

A person diagnosed with aphasia following a stroke

A native speaker of English

No history of other neurological conditions prior to the stroke

We provide free comprehensive speech-language evaluations.

For questions or to schedule a session, contact us at: (765) 496-0216

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NEW! Indiana Aphasia Bank

Aphasia researchers at 3 distinct universities in Indiana invite adults with aphasia to enroll in a state-wide research registry for research participants. This registry will match participants with aphasia with research studies conducted by faculty and staff at **Purdue, Ball State, and Butler Universities**. Participants will be asked to complete a registry form, an aphasia assessment, and agree to be contacted for research studies associated with the participating universities to be registered. When contacted, participation is voluntary for each study. All of the research studies will be approved by each University's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

To participate, you should have aphasia as a result of brain injury or disease.

If you are interested, contact one of the following investigators to participate:



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Recent Events

Conferences

Fall 2017

The Aphasia Lab's director and principal investigator, Dr. Jiyeon Lee and Grace Man, a PhD student in our lab, presented research at the Academy of Aphasia Annual Meeting and the Society for the Neurobiology of Language in Baltimore, Maryland.

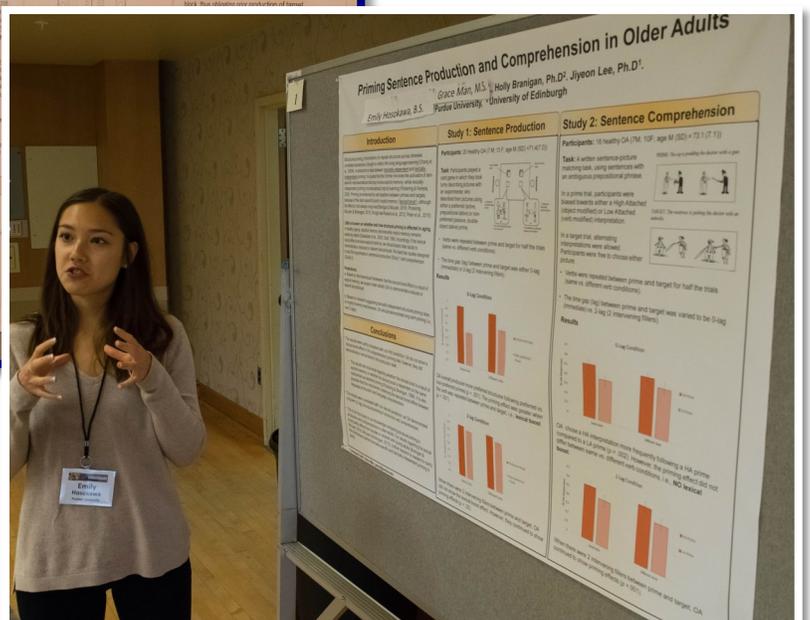
Emily Hosokawa, a Speech-Language Pathology master's student, and Grace Man, presented their research at the Crossroads Conference on Communicative Disorders at Purdue University.

Upcoming

Dr. Lee and Grace Man will be attending the Clinical Aphasiology Conference in Austin, Texas in May. Grace Man won a prestigious NIH student fellowship and will be presenting her research as an invited student fellow. Congratulations, Grace!



Grace presenting her study at Crossroads



Emily presenting her study at Crossroads

Purdue Aphasia Support Group

The Purdue Aphasia Support Group enjoyed another successful semester of guided conversation practice, education, and connecting with others. We participated in a heart-healthy cooking demonstration in collaboration with Purdue's Dietetics/Nutrition Department. The following month, we continued the discussion by learning about healthy food choices and adaptive kitchen techniques/equipment. Our last meeting focused on practicing communication and problem solving strategies for "real-world" situations.

The Aphasia Support Group will not meet during the summer, but will resume our monthly meetings in the fall. Times and dates for Fall 2018 will be announced through our Facebook page and email. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us.

People with aphasia and related communication difficulties and their loved ones and caregivers are always welcome to participate!

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We made chocolate zucchini muffins and tomato basil soup at the cooking demonstration



Purdue Aphasia Bootcamp 2018

The 2nd annual Purdue Aphasia Bootcamp is returning June 4th, 2018! This year, individuals with aphasia will participate in therapy with our graduate student-clinicians, for 3 days a week, over 3 weeks.

Due to an overwhelming number of referrals and interest from our community, we are proud to offer this year's camp to a group of new participants. We thank everyone for their interest and participation currently and in the past. We look forward to having another successful camp this summer by serving new participants and expanding the **Aphasia Community** in Indiana!



A group therapy session from Aphasia Bootcamp 2017

Follow us on Facebook!

For more updates, resources, and information “like” our Facebook page at:



<https://www.facebook.com/PurdueAphasiaGroup>

Miscellaneous Updates



The National Aphasia Association featured the Purdue Aphasia Group on their website and Facebook page! To view, visit: <https://www.aphasia.org/stories/purdue-aphasia-group/>



The adapted aphasia-friendly chocolate zucchini muffin and tomato basil soup recipes from the Aphasia Support Group cooking demonstration are available via email! Please contact us if you'd like a copy. Email: aphasia@purdue.edu

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who provide referrals, participate in our research, and take part in our support group. We continue to provide a wide-range of services to persons with aphasia and their caregivers and it's all because of you!